**Low cost housing facilities for service providers**

1352. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to make it mandatory for all new housing colonies to make available low cost housing facilities to the service providers like maids, guards etc. in the proximity of the colonies;

if so, the details thereof;

whether this policy would also be applicable to the colonies which have already been developed;

if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

the measures taken or being taken to rehabilitate the slum dwellers in Delhi and other metro cities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

(e) A Centrally sponsored Scheme called Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana (VAMBAY) is being implemented since 2.12.2001 in urban areas of the country. The primary objective of the scheme is to facilitate construction and upgradation of dwelling units for slum dwellers living below poverty line and to provide them healthy and enabling urban environment through community toilets.

**Loss due to floods**

1353. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

whether it is a fact that there has been loss and damage to property in country due to recent floods;

if so, whether Housing and Urban Development Corporation Ltd. (HUDCO) have gien any financial assistance to the flood affected States for development of housing and other infrastructure; and

if not, the reasons therefor?